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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

This is just another example of the federal government doing whatever it can to make the lives of the less fortunate even more difficult. Believe it or not there are taxpaying citizens of this country who depend on an affordable alternative to the wireless plans that demand credit card dependant contracts. They either do not have credit cards or cannot maintain the requirements of the contracts. There are stiff penalties for early termination of these. Tracfone offers the poor a wireless service that allows them to keep a cell phone even if they cannot pay for a month or more. For the poor, every penny saved counts. It is one of the ways that offers them a chance to move up the economic ladder. It should be the responsibility of the federal government to keep costs low for all taxpayers. The rich do not care if you take a dollar from them from here and there but for the poor it could make a huge impact on their ability to better their lives.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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